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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENTIANE 5241

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, CU, LA

SUBJECT: LPF MAN IN HAVANA PRESENTS CREDENTIALS

1. ACCORDING TO PATHET LAO NEWS AGENCY ITEM, DATED JULY 16, LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT (LPF) REPRESENTATIVE, PHELY KHOUNLALEUK "PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS" TO CUBAN PRESIDENT DORTICOS ON JULY 12. BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER HERE REPORTS THAT PHELY ALSO SENT LETTER OF FORMAL NOTIFICATION TO BRITISH EMBASSY IN HAVANA, USING "STANDARD LANGUAGE". CLERK AT EMBASSY INADVERTENTLY SIGNED RECEIPT FOR LPF LETTER, BUT SINCE UK DOES NOT RECOGNIZE LPF, EMBASSY SUBSEQUENTLY RETURNED LETTER TO LPF REPRESENTATIVE WITHOUT COMMENT.

2. PHELY'S PRESENTATIVE OF CREDENTIALS FOLLOWS MID-MAY VISIT TO HAVANA BY LPF DELEGATION, LED BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER NOUHAK PHOUMSAVAN.

3. COMMENT: THIS ACCREDITATION OF LPF REPRESENTATIVE APPEARS MORE FORMAL THAN PREVIOUS LPF PRACTICES OF MAINTAINING A "REPRESENTATION" WHICH SERVES AS A LAO PEOPLE'S PARTY LIAISON OFFICE--E.G., HANOI. MOVE IS DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN, PARTICULARLY AT A TIME WHEN LPF IS NEGOTIATING WITH RLG ON FORMATION OF NEW COALITION GOVERNMENT IN WHICH IT SEEMS ASSURED OF HOLDING MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

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PERHAPS BY THIS ACTION, LPF WISHES TO PRESENT RLG WITH FAIT ACCOMPLI

SO THAT ONCE COALITION GOVERNMENT FORMED IN VIENTIANE, RLG WILL
HAVE TO CONTINUE MAINTAINING RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN
HAVANA.
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